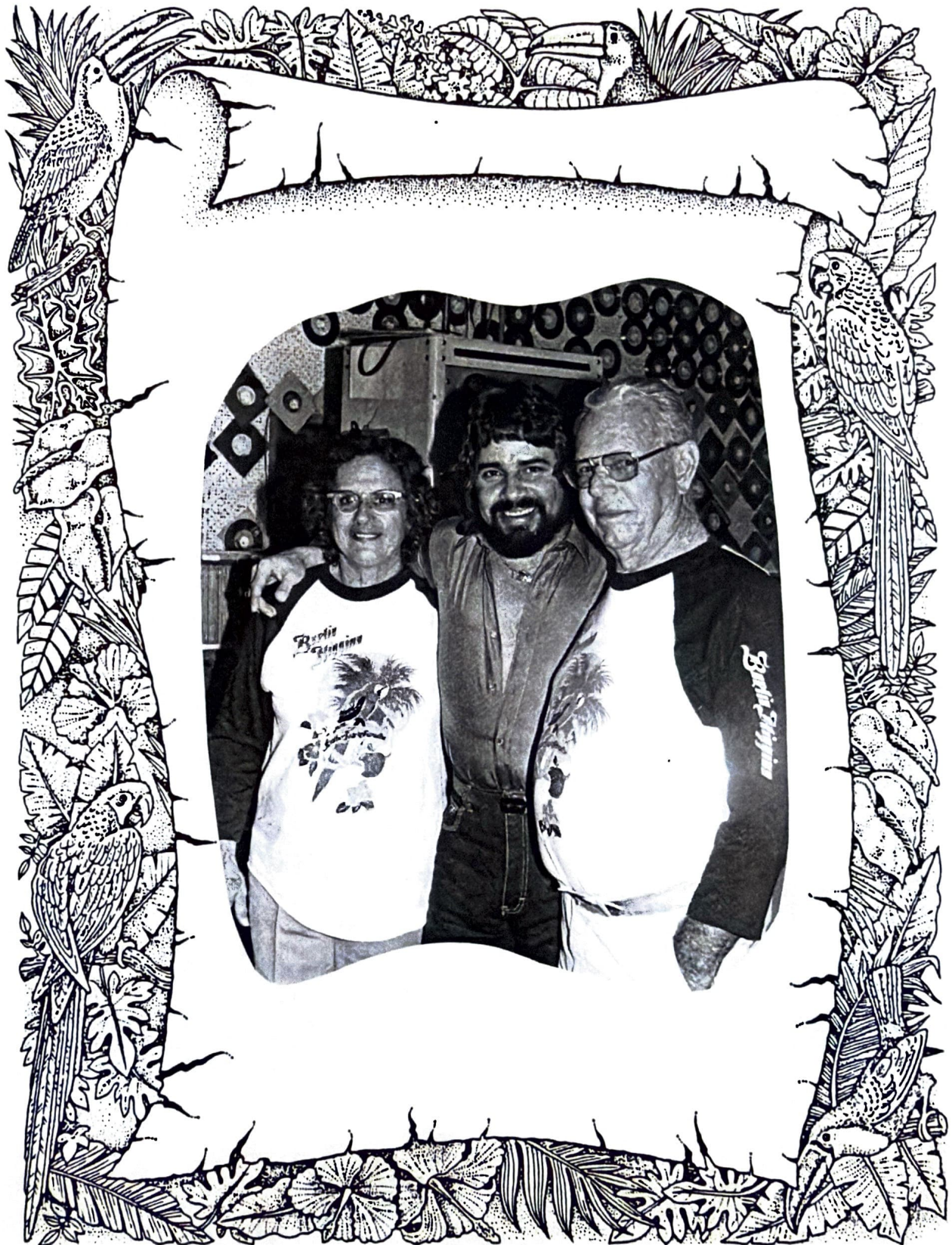


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FRIENDS OF BERTIE HIGGINS FAN CLUB

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FROM BERTIE...

I FEEL SO FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO EARN MY LIVING DOING THE WORK I LOVE. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION IS TRULY APPRECIATED.

FAN FAIR IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN YOUR SUPPORT IS SO EVIDENT. I HAD A GREAT TIME MEETING SO MANY OF YOU AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHAKE YOUR HAND OR GIVE YOU A HUG. THANKS FOR STOPPING BY THE BOOTH.

SUMMER'S BEEN BUSY. I'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD ALOT WORKING. IN ADDITION TO WORKING I HAVE HAD SOME TIME TO SPEND WITH THE FAMILY VACATIONING AT THE BEACH AND CAMPING IN THE NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS. I'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO DO SOME FISHING AND PLAY ALOT OF GOLF. WE HAVE REALLY ENJOYED JULIAN'S FIRST SUMMER VACATION. HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAS HAD A GREAT SUMMER.

UNTIL NEXT TIME..."HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU..."

Bertie 



BERTIE AND JULIAN ENJOY THE BRAVES BASEBALL GAME

FROM DIANE...

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE SUMMER IS OVER. IT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE FOR ALL OF US. THE BIGGEST SUMMER PROJECT FOR ME WAS FAN FAIR. ALTHOUGH THIS WEEK IS A LOT OF WORK IT IS BALANCED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FUN. IT WAS GREAT TO RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD NEW FRIENDS. BERTIE SPENT TWO DAYS AT THE BOOTH GREETING THE FANS, SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS AND HAVING HIS PICTURE TAKEN. IT WAS HEARTWARMING WHEN FANS WOULD STOP BACK AT THE BOOTH AND TELL US THAT BERTIE WAS THE NICEST ARTIST THEY HAD MET AT FAN FAIR. THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW BERTIE UNDERSTAND THOSE FEELINGS. HE ALWAYS HAS TIME FOR YOU. NEEDLESS TO SAY I AM PLEASED TO WORK WITH HIM. THOSE OF YOU WHO STOPPED BY THE BOOTH GOT A SPECIAL TREAT. IN ADDITION TO GETTING TO VISIT WITH BERTIE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO SEE MANY OF HIS GOLD AND PLATINUM RECORDS. WE DECORATED THE BOOTH AROUND THESE RECORDS. WE WANTED TO GIVE THE FANS A CHANCE TO GET A CLOSE-UP VIEW BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU HE WOULDN'T HAVE RECEIVED THEM.

SUMMER IS TRADITIONALLY A TIME FOR FAMILY SO THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY. IN IT WE WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF BERTIE'S FAMILY AND HAVE YOU SHARE IN SOME OF THEIR SUMMER FUN. HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS NEWSLETTER AS MUCH AS WE ENJOY YOU.

Diane

THE HEART OF THE FAMILY...

IS MOM AND DAD. ON THE COVER IS BERTIE WITH HIS PARENTS JIGGS AND CHARLOTTE. ALTHOUGH BERTIE LOST HIS FATHER FOUR YEARS AGO, JIGGS WAS ABLE TO ENJOY THE EARLY YEARS OF BERTIE'S SUCCESS. MOM CONTINUES TO BE HER SONS BIGGEST FAN. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE MET HER KNOW THAT SHE IS A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

JIGGS AND CHARLOTTE HAD SEVEN CHILDREN. JOHN, BERTIE, EDWARD, TOM, JOAN, CHARLOTTE & GLORIA. EDWARD WAS KILLED IN VIETNAM & TOM DIED IN AN ACCIDENT. BOTH AT THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.



BERTIE & HIS NO. 1 LADY



GLORIA & HER BIG BROTHER

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR.....

GLORIA HIGGINS BURKE AND COUSIN EDWARD HIGGINS HAVE BEEN WITH BERTIE SINCE THE BEGINNING. GLORIA PLAYS GUITAR AND DOES VOCALS. ED IS A PERCUSSION PLAYER. GLORIA IS THE MOTHER OF FIVE, HAS HER OWN BUSINESS & HER OWN BAND SO SHE DOESN'T PLAY AS MUCH WITH BERTIE. ED HAS HIS OWN SIGN PAINTING BUSINESS, BUT CONTINUES TO PLAY WITH BERTIE AS MUCH AS TIME PERMITS



COUSIN "ED-BOB" HARD AT WORK

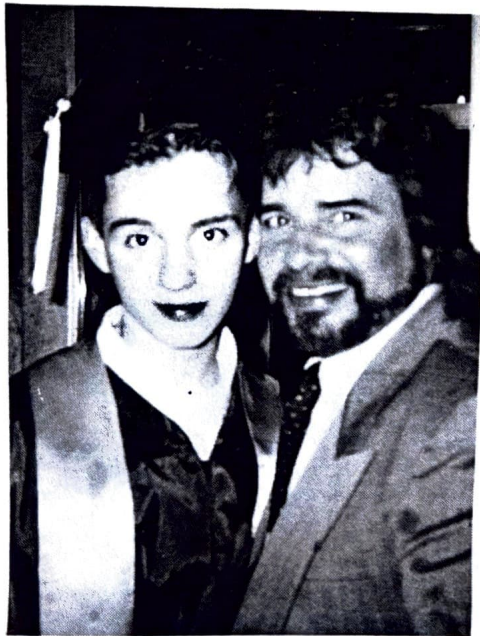
ONLY YESTERDAY....

ONE OF THE BIGGEST SUMMER TIME EVENTS IS GRADUATION. WE HAVE GONE BACK TO THE HIGGINS' FAMILY ALBUM FOR THIS "ONLY YESTERDAY" PHOTO OF BERTIE AS HE WAS WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

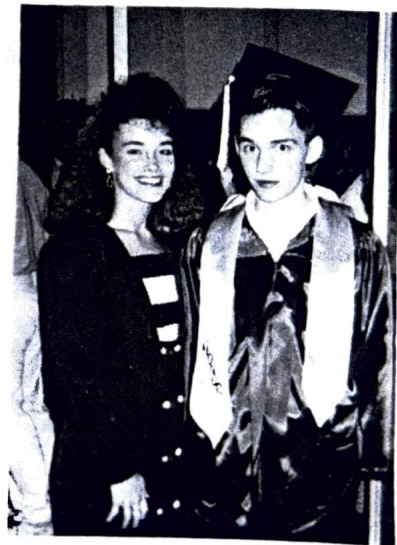
AND JUST LIKE MAGIC WE JUMP TWENTY-FIVE+ YEARS INTO THE FUTURE AND FIND THE PROUD POPPA WITH HIS SON DAMIAN AT HIS HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATION.



BERTIE AT AGE 18...WHAT'S MISSING?



DAMIAN GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND IS NOW IN COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA. NEEDLESS TO SAY DAD IS PROUD BEYOND WORDS.



KIMBERLY & DAMIAN

BERTIE HAS ONE DAUGHTER, KIMBERLY, WHO WORK & LIVES IN ARIZONA. THO' SHE IS NEARLY TWENTY-ONE...IN DAD'S EYES SHE WILL ALWAYS BE HIS LITTLE GIRL.

SUMMERTIME FUN.....



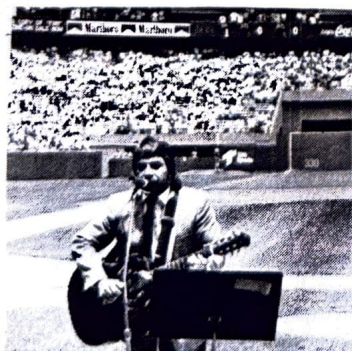
ON THE GOLF COURSE...FORE!
BERTIE PLAYS AT A CELEBRITY
TOURNAMENT



PICNIC IN THE PARK...BERTIE, BEVERLY
JULIAN & AARON ENJOY A SUMMERTIME
TRADITION



AT THE BEACH...BERTIE & DAMIAN
ENJOY TIME TOGETHER ON VACATION



AT THE BALL PARK...SINGING
"THE STAR SPANGLE BANNER" &
"O'CANADA" AT THE BRAVES/EXPO
GAME



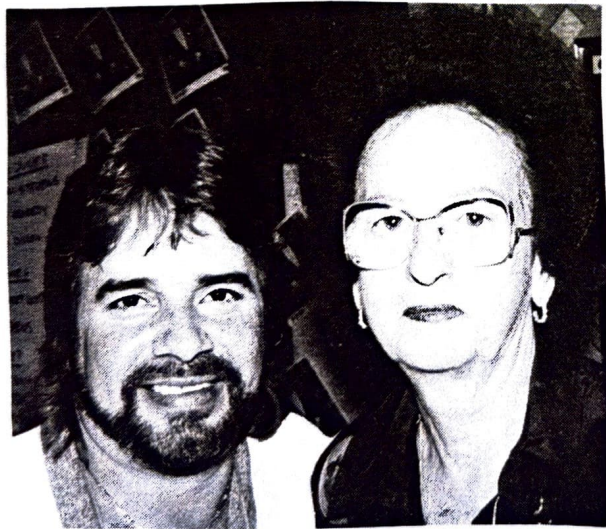
AT WORK...BERTIE & MICKEY MILLER
ENJOYING THEMSELVES ON STAGE AT
FT. LAUDERDALE BEACH, JULY 4TH

"FRIENDS OF BERTIE HIGGINS"

CROOK & CHASE.....



LORIANN AND CHARLIE VIST WITH
BERTIE IN THE DRESSING ROOM
BEFORE HE APPEARED ON THEIR
NASHVILLE NETWORK SHOW "CROOK
& CHASE"

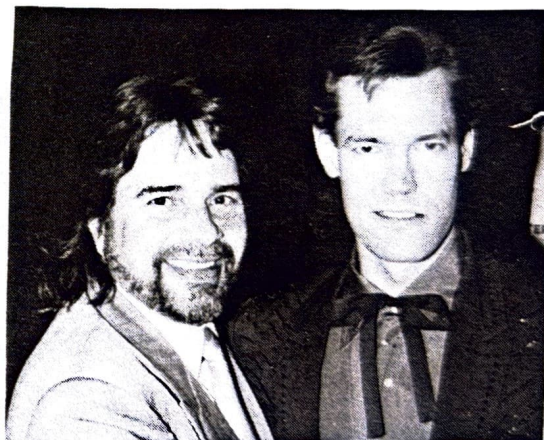


LONGTIME FRIEND FRANCIS BELLAMY
(MOTHER OF FLORIDA'S OWN HOWARD
& DAVID) STOPPED BY OUR FAN FAIR
BOOTH TO VISIT WITH "HER BOY"
BERTIE

FAN CLUB MEMBER KATHY SMARDAK OF
VIRGINIA, MEETS BERTIE AT A SHOW
IN CLEARWATER, FL.



BILLY JOE ROYAL ... AT FAN
FAIR...BERTIE LEFT EARLY TO
ATTEND DAMIAN'S GRADUATION &
MISSED OLD FRIEND BILLY JOE.
THE PHOTO IS A SPOOF TO LET
BERTIE KNOW BJ WAS THERE..



RANDY TRAVIS & BERTIE VISIT
BACK STAGE AT THE MUSIC CITY
NEWS AWARD SHOW



BERTIE & KATHY

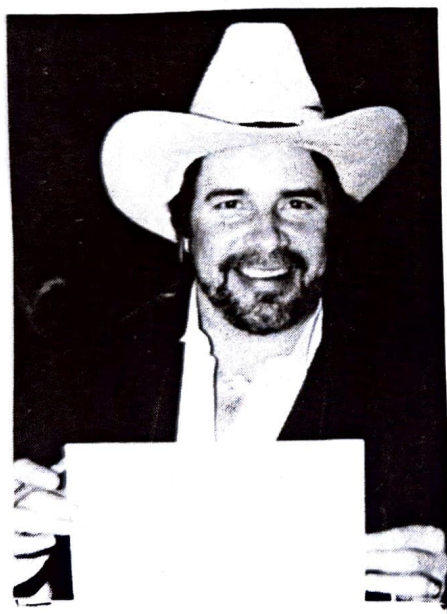
YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO BERTIE & SONNY LIMBO WROTE "THE FLAG'S ON FIRE" IN RESPONSE TO THEIR FEELINGS ON IT BEING CONSTITUTIONAL TO BURN THE AMERICAN FLAG. BERTIE SANG IT FOR THE FIRST TIME ON NASHVILLE NOW ON JULY 2nd. THE PERFORMANCE WAS OUTSTANDING AND THE AUDIENCE AND FAN RESPONSE HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING. BECAUSE OF YOUR CALLS AND LETTERS, BERTIE WILL BE RE-CORDING "THE FLAG'S ON FIRE" IN EARLY OCTOBER. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN TO START CALLING YOUR RADIO STATIONS.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 8/89

WHO'S WHO IN GEORGIA COUNTRY MUSIC



BERTIE PROUDLY SMILES FOR THE CAMERA AT "WHO'S WHO IN GEORGIA COUNTRY MUSIC" AWARD SHOW, WHERE HE WAS ONE OF THE HONOREES.

CONTEST WINNERS

WINNERS IN THE FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WERE: ANGELA WRIGHT, JACKSON - VILLE, ILLINOIS, CONNIE ROBINSON, OF Ocala, FL AND VICKI CONNER, NEW ORLEANS.

EVERY NEWSLETTER I SEEM TO FIND A FAVORITE PHOTO. THIS ONE OF BERTIE MEETING JULIAN'S BUS ON HIS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ALWAYS GRABS MY HEART. IT WAS A VERY EMOTIONAL DAY FOR 'OL DAD.



PTA TALENT NIGHT

DAD, MOM AND BROTHER AARON HAD A GREAT TIME AT JULIAN'S SCHOOL TALENT NIGHT...THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS GAVE A CHORAL PERFORMANCE, I BELIEVE WE HAVE ANOTHER ENTERTAINER IN THE HIGGINS FAMILY.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF RECORDING ARTS AND SCIENCES
(NARAS)

BERTIE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE RECORDING ACADEMY. ONE OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF NARAS IS THE GRAMMY AWARD SHOW THAT YOU SEE ON TELEVISION EACH FEBRUARY. ANOTHER OF THEIR MAJOR FUNCTIONS IS EDUCATION. THIS YEAR THE ATLANTA CHAPTER HOSTED THEIR FIRST "GRAMMY IN THE SCHOOL" PROGRAM. IN ESSENCE IT IS A CAREER DAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. BERTIE WAS ONE OF THE GUEST PANELIST, AND SPENT THE DAY ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON THE CREATIVE PROCESS OF WRITING AND THE MUSIC BUSINESS FROM THE STAND POINT OF A RECORDING ARTIST. ATLANTA'S 1990 GRAMMY AWARD WINNERS "THE INDIO GIRLS" ALSO WERE PANEL MEMBERS.

IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR THE STUDENTS TO LEARN FIRST HAND FROM THOSE IN THE BUSINESS AND GOOD FOR BERTIE TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH SUCH AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

THROUGH NARAS, BERTIE ALSO PARTICIPATES IN THE "GIFT OF MUSIC" PROGRAM, BY DOING PERFORMANCES FOR LOCAL HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES. BERTIE'S MOST INTERESTING AUDIENCE WAS AT THE GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S PRISON.

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